there is hardly any department which can be considered sensitive. However, as per directives received from vigilance Department in 1997, periodic action for rotational posts has to be taken. Accordingly, the incumbents to the post of Cashier/Stores in-charge have been changed from time to time.

Construction of new National Highways in Assam

1344. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct new National Highways., "connecting Doboka-Lanka-Lumding-Maibange-Haflong-Silchar in the State of Assam, as being declared by the Central Govemment;

(b) if so, the details of the initiative taken by Govemment in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the reaction of Govemment thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Stretch of National Highway No. 54 connecting Doboka & Silchar via Lanka, Lumding and Haflong has been entrusted to Government of Assam for its maintenance and development in May 1999. An amount of Rs. 71.50 lakh has been allocated for the maintenance of this National Highway during 1999-2000.

Restarting of work on Jatinga-Silchar sector by BRTF

1345. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the main road connecting from Jatinga-Silchar taken up by Border Road Task Force (BRTF) from the State of Assam has been suddenly stopped;

(b) if so, the details of the altemative arrangements made so far by Govemment to restart the work;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the present status of the aforesaid road?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF